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Thousands sign up for One Card

MORE than 21,000 residents have signed up for the council's all-in-one discount and leisure card in the five months since it was launched.

This means more people than ever are getting the most out of the borough's facilities, as well as benefiting from a wide range of discounts from local businesses.

The launch of the Greenwich One Card last November gives residents who sign up access to leisure and library services with a discount scheme in local shops and businesses. More than over 14,000 of those are signing up to use the council's facilities for the first time.

The number of shops and businesses offering discounts to One Card holders has almost doubled from 97 to 173 since the launch.

Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald, cabinet member for culture, creative industries and community wellbeing, said: "To have as many as 21,000 residents signing up for a Greenwich One Card is really positive news and shows the progress we have made in making services more accessible for residents.

"This helps attract over 14,000 new members to leisure and libraries. It is also great to see so many local businesses sign

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Get ready to vote

VOTING for the Mayor of London and the London Assembly takes place on Thursday, May 5 from 7am to 10pm.

The deadline to vote by proxy was last April 26; however, you can register for an emergency vote right up until 5pm on Thursday.

You can apply for an emergency vote if you cannot go to the polling station in person due to a medical emergency, or if your employment means that you cannot go, and you only become aware of that fact after the deadline.

● For more information visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/waystovote

Do not worry if you do not have your polling card you can still vote without it as long as you have registered. You have three votes in

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● There is also an additional election in Glyndon ward for a local councillor also on May 5. More information about the local by-election can be found at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections2016
If you are unsure where to go to cast your vote, you can now find the location of your nearest polling station online. Simply go to www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/findpollingstation and enter the name of the street where you live.

Welcome to the royal borough online guide

NEW residents can find out about living in the royal borough with the help of an online guide. Information about everything from registering to vote to checking your parking zone is available along with guidance on schools and childcare, local services and how to contact the council. The new residents' online guide is available at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/residentswelcome pack

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THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

May 10 – Greenwich area planning committee, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4 & 5.

May 12 -Licensing Sub-Committee B, committee room 6

May 17 - Joint Meeting of Health and Overview & Scrutiny Committees, 6.30pm, council chamber; Eltham & Kidbrooke Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm, Eltham Centre, 2 Archery Road, Eltham, SE9

May 18 - Council Annual Meeting, 7pm, council chamber

May 19 – Cabinet, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

May 24 - Woolwich & Thamesmead Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4 & 5

May 25 – Annual Mayor Making ceremony, 7-9pm.

May 26 – Highways committee, 7pm, committee room 4

May 31 – Planning Board, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

Full council meetings can be viewed live at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/webcast

Up the wall

New outdoor trail for pupils

PLAYTIME will be a new adventure for youngsters at Cherry Orchard Primary School in Charlton.

A new specially-designed trim trail was opened by the mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Norman Adams, where children from the reception class will be able to climb and clamber to their hearts' content.

Kathryn Stanton, who leads on early years at

the school, said: "We're very excited about the new outdoor area with a trail and climbing wall."

The trail includes obstacles to climb under and over, tunnels and logs.

The area is designed to let children get plenty of exercise in a safe environment but where they can learn about risk.

"We want to be able to engage and challenge our children," Ms Stanton said.

"It will have a good impact on their learning and development skills."

FUN TIME: the Mayor joins pupils to test out the new trim trail (right)



Street party planning for Her Majesty's birthday

AS the Queen celebrates a milestone birthday, the royal borough is offering help to residents who want to mark it with a street party.

Although the Queen turned 90 last month, Her Majesty's official birthday weekend is in June.

The royal borough is encouraging residents to honour the nation's longest-reigning monarch by holding street parties.

Your party could take place in your street, on a grass area or in a community hall.

When you are choosing your location please consider places that will not affect access for buses and emergency vehicles. Charges may apply if a road closure is necessary. However, the council usually waives this charge if you are celebrating

a national event or if your party is part of the annual Big Lunch.

If you want to play music for residents, you will not need a licence if the music is not advertised in advance or being played on a commercial basis. However, you will need to be mindful about noise levels and ensure that the entertainment does not affect neighbouring streets.

Residents won't need a licence when serving food and drink unless you want to serve food after 11pm.

Where possible always make residents aware of the party finishing time so you can all plan to clear up together.

● **For more information on how to register your street party as well as some handy tips on how to plan it, visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/streetparties**

One Card success - get yours too

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up to the scheme which has almost doubled ever since the One Card launched last November."

Getting your Greenwich One Card is easy and completely free of charge - you can sign up online on the council's website or sign up at any library or leisure centre. Once membership

is confirmed it will last indefinitely without holders needing to renew.

● **Local people who want to get their One Card can ask at any library or leisure centre or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/onecard for more details and to sign up.**

Sign up to learn more about fostering

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Parents and young people are urged to consider measles jab

THE council and local GPs are calling on parents and young adults in the royal borough to consider the MMR vaccine after an increase in cases of measles in the capital.

London has seen more than 60 cases in the last two months in a period when there would usually be fewer than 10, with 48 of these cases in those aged 15 or over.

The call to get vaccinated coincides with European Immunisation Week, which is run by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to raise awareness of the importance of vaccination. It also coincides with an increase in measles cases currently being seen across the rest of England.

Although now less common in the UK because of the effective MMR vaccination programme, measles can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. It is usually a

mild illness in children, but can be more severe in adults.

Vaccine uptake rates in England are currently among the highest in Europe, but an increase is still needed to reach the WHO's 95 per cent target for MMR vaccination in two-year-olds. The current rate in London is just over 87 per cent.

Those who are unvaccinated, or not fully vaccinated, remain susceptible to the disease. The MMR vaccination also provides protection against two other common highly infectious diseases: mumps and rubella.

Local GP and clinical chair of NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Ellen Wright, said: "Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications."

"Those who have not received two doses of the vaccine in the past – or who are unsure – should speak to their GP."

Dr Yvonne Doyle, regional director

for Public Health England in London, said: "We are asking that parents – and young adults – remain alert to measles. Signs to look out for can include cold-like symptoms, sore red eyes, a high temperature or a red-brown blotchy rash."

"Those experiencing symptoms should seek medical attention, but phone ahead before visiting GP surgeries so arrangements can be made to prevent others from being infected."

She added: "It is crucial pregnant women have been vaccinated with MMR as rubella in particular can cause serious complications during pregnancy. The MMR vaccination provides you and your baby important protection and can be given before you become pregnant or after you've given birth. Pregnant women who are unsure if they've been vaccinated should check with their GPs."

● For more information about vaccines visit www.gp.uk/phe

Bake off

THE heat was on in this year's Great Greenwich Mind Bake Off with more than 15 cakes entered by service users, staff and volunteers. The competition may not have had Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood running the rule over the entries, but instead had five guest judges to make the big decisions. Three firefighters from East Greenwich Fire Station Green watch, joined by staff from the Plum Tree Café in Greenwich, (pictured below), had a tough job picking the best cakes from a strong set of entries.



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Kidbrooke surgery rota change

THE surgery rota for councillors in the Kidbrooke and Hornfair ward will change next month. Cllrs Norman Adams, Christine Grice and David Stanley will be available at the Baptist Church, Shooters Hill Road, SE3 (corner of Marlborough Road) on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10.30am-11.30am according to the following rota:

June 4 – Christine Grice

July 2 – Norman Adams

August – no surgeries

September 3 – David Stanley

October 1 – Christine Grice

November 5 – Norman Adams

December 3 – David Stanley.

● For full details of where and when Royal Greenwich councillor surgeries are held visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/findyourcouncillor

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To report street faults:

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Lucky draw



FIFTEEN lucky residents have won a competition to attend the inauguration of the new Mayor of Royal Greenwich later this month.

The incoming mayor, Cllr Olu Babatola, joined the council leader, Cllr Denise Hyland, in drawing the winners who will each receive a pair of tickets for the ceremony, which takes place in the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich on May 25. The mayor is elected by council members at an annual meeting and the position is held for one year. He or she is the first citizen of the royal borough and acts as an ambassador at public affairs, and at civic and ceremonial events.

Cllr Babatola represents Thamesmead Moorings ward and was first elected as a councillor in 2014. He has served as Deputy Mayor for the past year and will take up his new duties after the inauguration. Cllr Babatola replaces the current mayor, Cllr Norman Adams.

● For information about the role of the mayor, visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/mayor



TURNING OFF THE HEAT: (left) Dominic Heslin-Rees and Simon Quamie ready to give advice; below, volunteer Dave Sharman; (inset) Cllr Denise Hyland with Alex Hartley at the opening



HOUSEHOLDERS can build up their energy and save on their fuel costs at a new advice café.

The Energy Advice Café is dedicated to helping local people manage their energy bills and was officially opened by council leader Cllr Denise Hyland last Monday, April 25. Based at the Woolwich Centre, the café runs until June 30 and offers visitors friendly, independent advice about their bills over a free hot drink and a slice of cake.

Visitors are advised to take their energy bill or statement to help pinpoint where they can save money. Those who do so will receive a free £7 LED light bulb. Previous Energy Advice Cafés have saved local people an average of £347 per year and helped people deal with energy company debts as well as saved energy.

The cafés are being run by the South East London Community Energy (SELCE), a co-operative set up to help fight fuel poverty. It is the second year that the Energy Advice Café has been running and so far hundreds of people

have been helped out of fuel poverty through advice provided.

Cllr Hyland said: "The Energy Advice Café at the Woolwich Centre is now up and running and I encourage residents to visit and get some really good advice about how they can save energy. The council is committed to reducing fuel poverty and this initiative is a really great way for people to get practical advice and ultimately make significant savings on their bills."

Alex Hartley, co-founder and director of SELCE, told GT: "In Greenwich and Lewisham alone, eight per cent of households suffer from the effects of high bills and hard-to-heat homes. It has been a mild winter so most people are probably unaware that they could be in credit with their energy companies, but some may not know that they can claim that credit back."

● The café is open Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Drop-in visitors are welcome but consultations can also be booked in advance on 020 8269 4882 or at www.selce.org.uk/energy-advice/energy-cafe

Switch and save on energy bills

VISITORS to the Energy Advice Café can also find out about the Big London Energy Switch (BLES).

The next energy auction is May 16 and it's a chance for locals to make huge savings on their energy bills.

The BLES is a collective scheme run by the royal borough and other councils in London. It works by gathering together a large number of people who want to lower their gas and electricity bills increasing the collective bargaining power.

The scheme then negotiates the lowest prices with energy providers, and residents who have signed up can choose whether to accept the offer after they see how much they could save.

Since 2013 almost 7,000 residents have signed up and the average savings from the most recent auction was £260 a year.

● Visit www.biglondonenergyswitch.ichoosr.com or call 0800 048 8112 for further details.

Help hedgehogs avoid prickly problems

IT is National Hedgehog Awareness Week this week and residents are being encouraged to think about what they can do to help the small mammal, which is seriously endangered in the UK.

Running this year from May 1-7, the annual week is organised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and aims to highlight the problems hedgehogs face and how people can help them.

This year efforts are focussed on strimmers and cutting machines – every year many terrible injuries and deaths of hedgehogs are caused by garden machinery. The BHPS is asking people to check areas carefully before using any machinery.

As well as checking areas before they cut, there are a number of things that local people can do to help hedgehogs:

- make sure there are CD case-sized gaps in boundary fences and walls to allow easy passage
- move piles of rubbish to a new site before burning it
- ensure netting is kept at a safe height
- check compost heaps before digging the fork in
- stop or reduce the amount of pesticides



PRICK-ARIOUS: hedgehogs are seriously endangered in the UK



- poisons used
- cover drains or deep holes
- ensure there is an easy route out of ponds and pools.

Fay Vass, BHPS chief executive, said: "We are asking people to pledge to do at least one positive thing for hedgehogs during the week and if possible let us know, send us pictures of the hedgehog hole or home you

create, or from the event you organise."

BHPS is hoping to raise £2,000 during the week - texting HHOG16 £3 to 70070 will donate £3 to their appeal. (You can change amount to £1, £2, £3, £4, or £10 to donate those amounts).

● Leaflets and posters are available at www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Walking come what May

FREE walking events are taking place across the royal borough in May to mark National Walking Month 2016.

Local events are designed to raise awareness of the health and lifestyle benefits of walking, and are delivered on behalf of the council along with the Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT) and other partners.

National Walking Month is an annual campaign run by Living Streets, a group aiming to make the streets safer, more attractive and enjoyable. This year it runs from May 1 to June 5.

Among the numerous local events taking place is Foraging Fortnight, where a local forager will join some of the walks. It will be an opportunity to explore edible plants and trees in parks and open spaces, and to find out what our ancestors ate in their diets.

Greenwich Get Walking also has a full programme of free, fun and sociable health walks across the borough all year



WALK ON: local people enjoy one of many walking events taking place in the royal borough

round, and even more for walking month. They last between 30 to 90 minutes and all new participants throughout May will receive a free goody bag when they attend.

Details of all walks can be found at www.greenwichgetactive.com or by calling free on 0800 096 5436.

This year National Walking Month is

encouraging everyone to fit a bit more walking into their routine. Residents can sign up to the Try 20 pledge, which focuses on fun and easy ways to fit 20 minutes of walking in every day.

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Pupils asked to pen sleepy stories and win £1000 of books

PUPILS are invited to put pen to paper for a national story writing competition to be judged by children's author and former Children's Laureate Anne Fine OBE. It's all part of the Sleepy Stories by Silentsnight campaign to encourage families to keep bedtime reading at the heart of their night-time routine.

The competition asks children aged six to 12 to submit a short story of between 250 and 500 words that features the brand's mascots, Hippo and Duck. Anne will choose the winning story, which will then be illustrated and published with her foreword. The finished book will be presented to the winner at a special celebration ceremony at their school hosted by Anne.

The winner will also receive £1,000 worth of books for their school, a new bed and a giant Hippo and Duck soft toy. Entries must be submitted by Friday, May 20 and can be made online at www.silentsnight.co.uk/sleepy-stories.

Royal-TEA



PARTY FUN: children and staff member Patsy celebrate at the end of their tea party

THE youngest residents celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday in style. Tots at the Springfield crèche enjoyed a day of activities including storytelling with puppets around Sleeping Beauty. They were shown pictures of the Queen throughout her reign, made their own crowns and tucked into biscuits decorated in red white and blue icing. The youngsters built their own Windsor Castle and finished with a tea party. The crèche is run by the Pre-school Learning Alliance and is situated in Springfield Grove Charlton Triangle Estate.

Greenwich in Bloom June 2016

Entry forms to arrive no later than Friday 27 May 2016
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- ☐ Front garden with the best landscape design and creative use of plants
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Get walking for Walking Month this May!

You can find lots of walking activities around the Royal Borough of Greenwich all month.

From health walks and independent walks, to foraging walks and family walks, visit www.greenwichgetactive.com to find something that suits you.

Visit www.greenwichgetactive.com, call 0800 096 5436
or text 'ACTIVE' to 60066


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Mayor opens new sensory room

A NEW sensory room for children with autism and other special needs was opened by the mayor of Greenwich at Timbercroft Primary School.

The ceremony performed by Cllr Norman Adams was part of an Autism Awareness Day at the Plumstead school.

Pupils dressed in blue and purple for the day and parents were invited to a coffee morning, which was also attended by representatives from the National Autistic Society and Greenwich ASD Outreach.

They spoke about the different services that are available and autism-friendly days out that families can enjoy.

Each class had a lesson on autism awareness and the school

also held two assemblies on the subject.

Cllr Adams joined the school during the morning to open the new sensory room, which includes bubble tubes, a projector, music and vibration bumpers.

Deputy headteacher and inclusion manager Amy Massey said the room was designed to give the children sensory experiences and stimulation.

Several children at Timbercroft have been diagnosed with autism or are awaiting diagnosis and Miss Massey said parents appreciated the support given by the school.

Timbercroft was the first school in Greenwich recognised as a centre of excellence for inclusion by the Inclusion Quality Mark organisation.



STIMULATING: youngsters explore the new sensory room, and (left) the Mayor cuts the ribbon

Support for start-ups

ASPIRING entrepreneurs and owners of new businesses can get help to start and grow thanks to a new business support project.

The Start & Grow enterprise programme has been launched in 11 London boroughs including the royal borough and aims to steer new ventures towards success.

The programme offers up to three years of support, including one-to-one business mentoring, business training, talks from successful entrepreneurs and monthly workshops.

It is run by Enterprise for London which can also help entrepreneurs apply for the government-funded Start Up Loan scheme, which offers between £500 and £25,000 to help grow your business.

A dedicated business advisor has also been appointed to give tailor-made advice to Greenwich businesses.

To be eligible to join the scheme, you must be living in or looking to start your business in the borough, with plans to employ a member of staff and be trading for at least three years.

● Visit www.enterpriseforlondon.com for more information and to register.

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Legal Training Course

GND Legal, a specialist in private legal training, is introducing a free law taster course due to take place on the 14/05/2016 between 11:30 and 14:30 at the Royal Sovereign House in Woolwich.

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Can you dig it...

Community gardens welcome visitors on Big Dig Day

LOCAL community gardens celebrated the start of the growing season as part of the national Big Dig Day last month.

Maryon Park in Charlton welcomed more than 100 people for tours and talks, despite the cold drizzly weather on Saturday, April 16.

Visitors had the chance to see around the gardens which include organic growing plots, a Forest School, an orchard and a wildflower bank.

The day included children's activities, plant and bric-a-brac sales and refreshments, and PJ the Magical Clown giving shows in the Forest School area.

Among those who went along was deputy leader of Greenwich Council, Cllr John Fahy, who chatted to the organisers and visitors.

There was also the chance to see the garden's resident robin, which the gardeners have adopted as their mascot.

Tim Anderson, chair of Maryon Park Community Garden, said the day was a record-breaker.

"It was very successful and there were more people than we've ever had before. We got contacts with new volunteers, and we've been contacted by new organisations which will give us networking opportunities," he said.

The community garden is a not-for-profit

voluntary community project situated in the former council plant nursery in Maryon Park.

Supported by the council, the Friends of the Park took over the overgrown nursery in 2011 and 40 volunteers cleared and prepared the garden, removing 12 tonnes of waste and rubbish. It was opened as an organic community food garden in 2012.

The Forest School, an outdoor teaching and learning space, welcomes visits from primary and special schools and youth projects. There are also volunteering opportunities for individuals and corporate groups.

● For more information visit www.maryonparkcommunitygarden.btck.co.uk



DOWN TO EARTH CREW: above, the garden's resident robin, right, Tim Anderson gives a tour of the garden



LOCALLY-GROWN: Tony Dyson shows his spring onions, right



HAPPY HABITAT: the bug hotel



AND SO TO BED: Esther Weston tends strawberry plants on her plot



CO-OPERATIVE GARDENERS: from left: Andrew Riley, Kevin Godby and Dee Goodwin try some apple juice with added herbs



Round and round the Spiral Garden

THE Spiral Garden in Plumstead Common is another transformation project, based on a former derelict playground site in Vicarage Park next to Azile Everitt House. It is the latest community garden project adopted by Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency where people can drop in, learn food growing skills and help develop the site into a thriving garden. Community gardener Kevin Godby was on hand at the open day last Saturday to help visitors

weed and sow wildflower seeds, introduce them to different herbs and show them how to grow plants from seed on the windowsill. He said: "It was a chance for visitors to get their hands dirty by weeding and sowing wildflower seeds. I showed people how to make a paper pot and sow seeds of plants that can be grown on a windowsill and there was some food and drink made with herbs to try to enhance the experience." ● For further details visit www.gcda.coop or call 020 8269 4880.

Hooray for children's author as she publishes eighth book

AN Eltham mum and former teacher has published her eighth children's book in just over a decade.

Alison Lewis is part of a writing duo with her friend Jill Walkinton from West Sussex who published their first book together, Mum in a Million, in 2005.

Writing under the name Jill Lewis, the books came about from when they were both teaching reluctant readers and wrote their own material for pupils.

"We decided to join forces and from this sprang the dream of being published," said Alison, who worked as a supply teacher at schools in the royal borough when her two children were young.

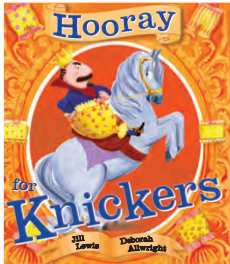
The two met when they were student nurses and both decided against nursing as a career.

They went into teaching instead. Their latest book is called Hooray for Knickers and is illustrated by award-winning artist Deborah Allwright.

"We feel it's quite an achievement," Alison told GT. "We never dreamt at the start that we'd be this fortunate. It's a hobby which we love and which has allowed us to meet some wonderful schools, teachers, librarians, festival organisers and hundreds of marvellous children."

As well as writing books for children, Alison works on theatre productions such as the latest Peppa Pig tour.

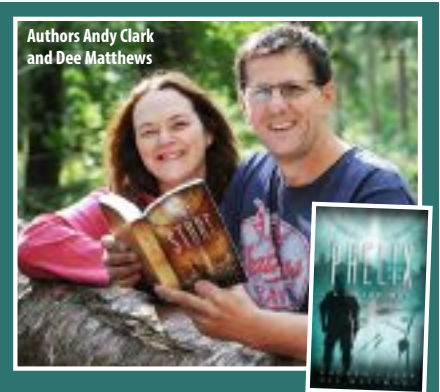
● **There are plenty of books and e-books to choose from in the borough's libraries. Visit royalgreenwich.gov.uk/libraries**



Alison Lewis (left) and co-author Jill Walkinton



Authors Andy Clark and Dee Matthews



Time travel story based in Greenwich

GREENWICH is the backdrop for a new book featuring time travellers skipping between the 18th, 20th and 21st centuries.

Phelix is the second book by Andrew Clark and his partner Dee Matthews, which follows the Bradbeer family on their adventures through time.

The first in the series, The Time Store, was self-published in 2014 and was also based in Greenwich, featuring the Old Royal Naval College on the front cover.

Although Andrew and Dee live in Birmingham, they explained why they chose Greenwich as the location for their stories: "It's the

home of time so where better to set a time travel novel, especially given the history of the area.

"We have visited the borough several times whilst writing both books, and we consider Greenwich to be like a second home."

The books are available on-line and in some local bookstores.

The Big London ENERGY SWITCH

A scheme to help Londoners get a better deal on their gas and electricity bills

Over 6000 Greenwich residents have registered for the Big London Energy Switch since the scheme began. Average savings in Greenwich from the October 2015 round were over £250, and winning tariffs better than anything available direct from suppliers or via price comparison services.

How does the scheme work?

- Ⓔ The Big London Energy Switch is a collective switching scheme being run by the Royal Borough of Greenwich and a number of other councils in London.
- Ⓔ By gathering together a large number of people who want to lower their gas and electricity bills the Big London Energy Switch, using a third party 'switching provider', can encourage energy companies to offer their lowest prices.
- Ⓔ Once registration is closed, all the energy companies are invited to offer their best prices to everyone who registered.
- Ⓔ You will then receive details of exactly how much money you could potentially save by switching if you accept the offer.
- Ⓔ You can choose to accept the offer or not.

Sign up online at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/biglondonenergyswitch or call 020 8921 5100 to find out about other ways to register
The deadline for registration is 16th May 2016

Mara-fun

The royal borough was once again on the national and international map as its historic setting provided the backdrop for the Virgin Money London Marathon, while one local 17-year-old scored a memorable success.



GRIT AND DETERMINATION: Sabrina crosses the line to take one last win for Greenwich

Credit: Virgin Money London Marathon



Thousands of spectators gathered along the six-mile route through the royal borough with Greenwich town centre and the Cutty Sark becoming spectator hotspots.

The day was particularly special for local athlete Sabrina Sinha who won the girls' race in the mini-marathon, repeating her success two years ago.

The teenager, who celebrated her 17th birthday just days before the race, said it was the last time she would be eligible to compete.

"I was extremely relieved to come away with the win in my last year participating. I have always been proud to represent Greenwich and wanted to go out

on a high," she told GT.

The mini-marathon for 11- to 17-year-olds follows the last three miles of the Marathon route. Previous winners include Olympic and Paralympic gold medallists Mo Farah and David Weir.

Sabrina has also held the top spot for Greenwich in the London Youth Games cross country for the past six years. She is now running internationally and has represented Great Britain four times in the last year in 1500m and cross country events.

Her next big competition will be the European Athletics Youth Championships in Georgia in July.

Next year Sabrina will be eligible for the full marathon race but she told GT: "I will

continue to focus on the middle distances - 5km is quite far enough, thank you very much!"

● **Anyone interested in entering the Marathon next year can put their name forward in the public ballot which closes at 5pm on Friday, May 6 - visit www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com for details.**



AND THEY'RE OFF! Dame Kelly Holmes gets the celebs at the Green start feeling positive

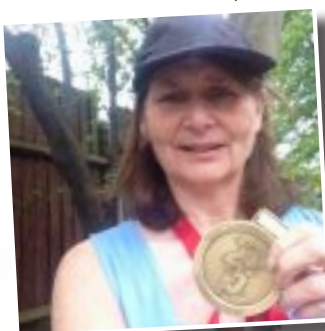


Mayor's team triple their target

THE mayor's team have already raised more than three times their original target in their Marathon effort last weekend. Three councillors were joined by four other runners to raise money for Cllr Norman Adams' charity appeal – Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice sensory garden and the Early Dove School in Zambia. Councillors Danny Thorpe, Chris Lloyd and Mehboob Khan all completed the race with respective

times of 3 hours 39 minutes, 4 hours 53 minutes and 5 hours 40 minutes, while Jane Borrett from the hospice finished the race in 5 hours 53 minutes and Andy Crowther took 5 hours 20 minutes. Cllr Khan completed the last 10 miles of the race "in severe agony" after fracturing a bone in his foot. He now has to wear a supporting boot for six weeks and is on crutches. The team had a target of £3,000 but had raised more than £9,500 as GT went to press.

MARATHON EFFORT: from left; Cllr Danny Thorpe, Cllr Mehboob Khan, Jane Borrett and Cllr Chris Lloyd



The good, the bad and the recycled

EMPTY water bottles littered the streets of Greenwich as Marathon runners and supporters thronged the royal borough on Sunday, April 24.

But it took just 2 hours and 45 minutes for 48 members of the council's Waste and Street Cleansing team to clean up along the race route.

They collected more than 15 tonnes of waste, recycling just over 4 tonnes (27 per cent) of it.



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Closing date: 19th May 2016 (midday)

Interviews: 23rd May 2016



ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LOCALISM ACT 2011 – ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE Crofton Albion Sports Ground, Weigall Road SE12 8HF NOTICE OF DISPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the owners of the above property intend to dispose of their freehold interest.

The Localism Act requires that the intention to dispose of property or land that is listed as an Asset of Community Value is advertised in order to allow any community interest group to make a written request to the Council to be treated as a potential bidder.

The purpose of this Notice is to alert community interest groups to the proposed disposal. Any such group that wishes to be treated as a potential bidder should submit confirmation to community-assets@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or by writing to the address given below.

Written requests to be treated as a bidder are required to be submitted within an initial six week period, which means the deadline for receipt of such requests is 6th June 2016.

If a written request is made to the Council during the above period, the owners may not dispose of the Asset of Community Value, except to a community interest group, during the full six month moratorium period which expires on 22nd October 2016, six months from the date of the notification of the owner's intention to dispose.

3rd May 2016

Ralph Million
Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills
The Woolwich Centre
35 Wellington Street
Woolwich, SE18 6HQ



Do come down to the woods



GREEN OASIS: visitors find out what's on offer in the woods

THE Friends of Westcombe Woodlands are holding an open day this Saturday, May 7 when visitors can enjoy the wildlife and spring flowers.

Situated between Maze Hill and Vanbrugh Hill, the woods are a 3.6-acre green oasis which was previously the site of gravel workings, market gardens, allotments and pig farms.

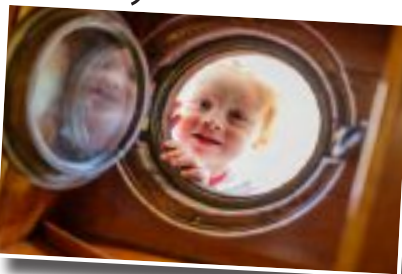
The area had become overgrown and neglected but has been restored by volunteers - since 2011 when the Blackheath Preservation Trust ran a pilot project with Trees for Cities.

The woodlands were formally opened to the public last October and now there is another opportunity to enjoy the bluebells, pond, and trees bursting into leaf.

They will be open on Saturday from 2-5pm through the entrance gate in Seren Park car park. For those who want to get stuck in and help with some conservation work, there will be a work party from 10am-1pm.

For more information visit www.westcombewoodlands.org

Cutty Sark ark



ONBOARD EXPLORERS: children can have fun on the clipper this weekend

CHILDREN can have fun this weekend finding out about the animals that used to live on board Cutty Sark.

Pigs, chickens and the captain's monkey were all part of life on the tea clipper as it plied the seas more than a century ago.

The ship is hosting a family fun weekend on May 7 and 8 when youngsters can make puppets of the different animals on both days at 11.30am and 2pm.

A storyteller will also be describing the adventures the animals got into with sessions - entitled Don't put your paw in the sugar bowl! - at 11.30am, 12.30pm and 2pm.

Both activities are included in the Cutty Sark admission price - for details visit www.rmg.co.uk/cuttysark

● Cutty Sark holds weekly Toddler Time sessions on Wednesday morning in term-time from 10-11.30am with songs, stories and playtime. Suitable for ages 4 and under, entry is included in the admission price.



A TV show that looks at life in Greenwich and the people who make the royal borough tick is looking for someone to take the reins and continue production.

The Greenwich Show was launched in 2014 by executive producer Ian Ramsdale, who has guided it through two series.

But he is now looking for someone else to take it over for the third series - and beyond.

Ian told GT: "I've already put in place some plans for a possible new series with support for the programme at an all time high.

"But in my capacity as the person currently calling the shots, I've taken the programme as far as I can - but there's so much potential to propel it towards new ventures in the future.

"My ultimate aim was always to create a sustainable, commercial programme - and that is certainly achievable."

The show is produced by a team of multi-skilled volunteers: "They have tried to build the programme a profile as one of a serious player in the broadcasting industry; connecting with residents, businesses, film makers and anyone who shows a passion for championing events in Greenwich."

Ian believes there is plenty of scope to take the show forward - it has more than 2,000 followers on social media, its own website, a YouTube channel and "a positive bank balance".

Issues covered in previous programmes have included mudlarking on the Thames, a knitting

To enter a listing email greenwichtime@outlook.com or call 020 8921 5916

Details of more events at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/whatson

GREENWICH

Lunchtime concerts continue at St Alfege Church in Greenwich Church Street every Thursday from 1.05-2pm. Call 020 8853 0687 for details or visit www.st-alfege.org

ELTHAM

Jargon-free computer tuition for beginners and improvers at Age UK Bromley & Greenwich, 2-6 Sherard Road. The 12-week courses are aimed at people aged 50+ and include using the internet, shopping safely online, sending emails and more. Courses cost £72 - contact Richard Ward 020 8467 7751 or email rward@ageukbandg.org.uk

WOOLWICH

Riverside Street Food Market with food stalls, arts & crafts, entertainers and a silent disco. Royal Arsenal, Saturday & Sunday, May 7 (12-8pm) & 8 (12-5pm). More details at www.streetfoodmarkets.wordpress.com

Director's cut

TV show appeals for new crew leader



club, the AHOY sailing centre charity and the borough's hidden villages.

"Someone could pick up this wonderful project and take it to levels that it has the potential to reach - securing additional funding, sponsorship or grants; connecting with residents, societies, businesses

and organisations; running marketing and social media campaigns; offering broadcasting experience to those aspiring filmmakers, broadcasters and producers. The list could go on," Ian enthused.

He is willing to offer support and advice if it were needed but added: "What The Greenwich

Show needs is someone who can supersede the passion, drive, desire, motivation and expertise I've brought to the programme, to drive it on so it can weave more into everyday life in the borough."

Anyone interested can contact Ian by email at ian@thegreenwichshow.co.uk or call him on 07751 245414.

ACTION: Presenter Robert Gray and above, discussing a shoot with executive producer Ian Ramsdale. Insets: scenes from previous shows

WHAT'S ON

BLACKHEATH

Combine classical music with feeding, dancing and nappy changing at Bach to Baby, a classical concert series for youngsters. Thursday, May 12 at 4pm, Mycenae House, 90 Mycenae Road. Tickets £10 at www.bachtobaby.com or call 020 8858 1749.

GREENWICH

An audio-described tour of the Cutty Sark for blind and partially-sighted visitors is being held on Tuesday, May 10 from 2.30-3.30pm. Admission £17, £13.50 concs; sighted companions free.

ELTHAM

Bell ringers, experienced or new, are invited to learn the ropes at St John the Baptist Church in Eltham High Street every Tuesday from 8-9.30pm for their weekly practice. For more details email t.h.baird@hotmail.co.uk

WOOLWICH

Tramshed Fridays, Oxleas' ADL group for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities - join in activities such as games, watching films, dance and excursions. 1pm every Friday at Tramshed, 51-53 Woolwich New Road. Email aldteamsupport@oxleas.nhs.uk

SHOOTERS HILL

Hear the birds singing for spring on a walk at Woodlands Farm, 331 Shooters Hill this Sunday, May 8, 10am-12noon. £2 adults, £1 per child - details at www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org.uk

ELTHAM

Art deco fair with vintage stalls at Eltham Palace this weekend, May 7 & 8, 10am-6pm. Entry £15, concs £13.50, children aged 5-15 £9 - call 0370 333 1183.



A SHOW by Greenwich-based dance company Protein has received a stream of great reviews for its London production.

May Contain Food is currently on stage at The Place in Camden as part of a national tour and has been wowing the capital's critics.

Combining the current obsession with food, it combines singing and dancing - and the aroma of a freshly-baked pudding - to produce what one writer described as "a yummy night".

The show was conceived and created by Protein founder Luca Silvestrini and composer Orlando Gough. Luca founded Protein in 1997 with fellow Trinity Laban alumna Bettina Strickler, since when they have enjoyed a string of successes.

Protein's most recent work, Border Tales, was widely acclaimed.

Luca said: "We had talked for years about making an immersive piece of dance theatre around social occasions and life at mealtimes when what matters is feeding the senses and having a good time, and now we have created a show that brings all these elements together."

May Contain Food continues at The Place, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 until Saturday, May 7 - call the box office on 020 7121 1100 or visit www.theplace.org.uk Protein is based at Borough Hall in Royal Hill, Greenwich and runs workshops and other community activities. Visit www.proteindance.co.uk or call 020 8269 2394.

**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES –
WEIGALL ROAD AREA**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate carriageway works. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prevent vehicles from entering or exiting, proceeding or waiting (including for the purpose of loading or unloading) in Courtlands Avenue, Lyme Farm Road, Sunnyside Road and Weigall Road.
2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. Whilst the road closures are in operation, vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works and where applicable, alternative routes for traffic will be via local roads and will be indicated by on-street signage.
4. The Order will come into force on 3rd May 2016 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to take two months to complete. The works will be conducted on a "rolling" programme and, as such, not all the restrictions stated in paragraph 1 will be in force in all the affected roads at any one time.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5580.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
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Dated 3rd May 2016
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**ROYAL borough of
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3. The Order will come into force on 10th May 2016 and would continue to be in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be completed within one day.
4. There will be a diversion via (i) Northbound on Wickham Lane, Right into Colanere Road, Right into Rutheglen Road and vice versa, (ii) Southbound on Wickham Lane, Left into Luttrell Road, Left into Woodbrook Road and vice versa. Pedestrians and residential access will be maintained.
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jobs@plumsteadmanor.com

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Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 492

BIDDING FOR PROPERTIES

People on the Housing register are able to bid for all properties, regardless of their banding. You must be eligible for the size of property and bids will be considered in the following order:

First Band A, followed by Band BI/B2 both in priority date order. Those in Band C will then be considered in registration date order.

Please note that there will still be some properties with age restrictions so only people of this age group can apply for these.

BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- BI** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly
- or**
- B2** homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and BI/B2.

How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

4

Apply in one of three ways

- Text bidding is now available and the number to use is 07786207913. For further information please see page 2, or
- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 11 May 2016 at midday**. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 8 May 2016**.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone
Bidding Line is available in:
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choix ») Ligne téléphonique de
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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

If you are bidding for houses under Band C you must have at least 1 child under 16 years



L&Q Housing Trust
Ref Number: 122717
Annesley Rd SE3
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H No
Pets No Pkg
£116.13 pw

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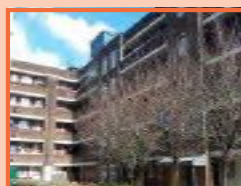
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3 bed Parlour is counted as a 4 bedroom
4 Bed Parlour is counted as a 5 bedroom



Ref Number: 208669
Bromhedge SE9
3 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H
£131.51 pw



Ref Number: 212666
Woodhill SE18
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£105.62 pw



Ref Number: 212861
Boreman Hse Thames St SE10
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£114.85 pw



Ref Number: 212882
Robert St SE18
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£93.89 pw



Ref Number: 212922
Robert St SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H No
Pkg
£83.14 pw



Ref Number: 212981
Pendrell St SE18
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£95.66 pw

A number of properties advertised this week will not be ready for viewing immediately. Successful applicants will be invited to view once the property is ready to let.



Ref Number: 213019
Paston Cres SE12
3 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H
£128.52 pw



Ref Number: 213041
Westmount Rd SE9
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£101.78 pw

HOW TO BID FOR ADVERTISED PROPERTIES BY TEXT

If you would like to bid by text, please use the following Text Bidding Number: **0778 620 7913** and type:

CBL, the **property reference number** and your **applicant number**.

The property reference will be on the advert and your applicant number is on the letter we sent to you when you registered for housing.

A successful bid will look like this:
CBL 179104 12191

You will need to do a separate text for each property you wish to bid for and the text is charged at your mobile provider's standard rate. You will receive a text response to confirm your bid within 5 minutes.

Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website **www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes**.

For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on

020 8921 2941

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Ref Number: 213082
Plumbridge St SE10
3 Bed 2nd Flr Mais
Unlifted Rad C/H
£122.98 pw



Ref Number: 213085
Restons Cres SE9
4 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H
£140.88 pw



Ref Number: 213101
Meridian Rd SE7
3 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H
£126.70 pw



Ref Number: 213121
Nightingale Heights SE18
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£101.90 incl Htg
£14.94 pw



Ref Number: 97612
Macoma Rd SE18
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
No Pkg No Pets
£112.31 pw

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Ref Number: 213141
The Glade SE7
Rectory Field Cres
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
No Pets No Pkg
£115.48 pw



Ref Number: 206944
Brixham Building SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Lifted
Entry phn Rad C/H
No Pets No Pkg
£194.19 pw



Ref Number: 213148
Chesterfield Gdns SE10
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H No Pets NoPkg
£151.60 pw

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Small is beautiful the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bedroom (or smaller) home

For more information contact the Project Team on:

020 8921 2671

Applicants over 50+ can apply

Need to Move?



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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ROYAL BOROUGH TENANTS WHO ARE MOVING

DON'T GET A BILL AFTER YOU LEAVE

Under the conditions of your tenancy agreement, you have a responsibility to leave your property in an acceptable state of repair. We may visit you to check this. If we consider your property is in an unacceptable condition, you may be prevented from moving or be recharged for work.

To avoid getting an unwelcome bill, follow these rules:

- Repair any damage caused to the property by you, your family or visitors to your home.
- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

If you leave repairs that are your responsibility, or items that require disposal you will be charged the cost of this work.

Special Collection Service

The Royal Borough offers a Special Collection Service for tenants who are moving and want to dispose of something big and bulky, like a sofa or a fridge, and even unwanted clothes and other textiles.

Simply contact Waste Services on 020 8921 4661 and tell them where you live and what you would like taken away.

Items we will collect include:

Fridges, freezers, washing machines, beds, sofas, clothes and carpets (carpets must be cut up and tied into manageable bundles that one person can carry).

Items we DO NOT collect include:

Fitted kitchens, bathroom suites, boilers, sheds, fences and rubble.

For further information, please contact Waste Services on **020 8921 4661**.

Please leave your home in a good condition!

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 489

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Tarves Way SE10 9JG	2	FLAT	624	30/10/2015	B1
Plumstead Common Road SE18 3RD	1	FLAT	537	08/05/2007	C
Hawthorne Crescent SE10 9GA	4	MAISONETTE	266	08/07/2015	B1
Greenwich High Road SE10 8JE	2	FLAT		Not Ready	
Godstow Road SE2 9AT	0	BUNGALOW		Not Ready	
Alderwood Road SE9 2LB	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Addison Drive SE12 8UN	4	HOUSE		Not Ready	
Blithdale Road SE2 9HN	2	FLAT		Not Ready	
Southend Close SE9 2SF	2	FLAT		Not Ready	
Chiswell Square SE3 0JG	2	FLAT		Not Ready	
Cookhill Road SE2 9PD	2	FLAT		Not Ready	
Hartville Road SE18 1DQ	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Wordsworth House Woolwich Common SE18 4HS	1	FLAT	467	28/01/2016	B1
The Firs Congleton Grove SE18 7HN	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Brent Road SE18 3DT	1	FLAT	480	26/07/2010	A
Ampleforth Road SE2 9BQ	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Frances Street SE18 5LB	2	FLAT	265	01/12/2015	B1
Anstridge Road SE9 2LH	1	FLAT	506	27/06/1977	A
Eltham Palace Road SE9 5LZ	3	HOUSE		Not Ready	
Richmond Place SE18 7EQ	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Aylmer House Eastney Street SE10 9NU	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Strongbow Road SE9 1DS	1	FLAT		Not Ready	
Abbey Wood Road SE2 9ED	1	FLAT	397	26/05/2015	B2
Alnwick Road SE12 9BX	3	HOUSE		Not Ready	
Blaker Court Fairlawn SE7 7ER	2	FLAT	456	02/12/2015	B1
Fairlawn Court Fairlawn SE7 7DT	2	FLAT	377	18/09/2015	B1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note you must tell us as soon as possible if there is any change in the information you have given on your form. If you do not do so, your application will be invalid.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Heating Charge for RBG properties

Please note rent for Council properties may include a heating charge which is NOT covered by Housing Benefit.

GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published 50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents. GreenwichHome adverts are included in every issue.

For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team on: **020 8921 2941** or email: housing-allocations@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



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Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-

Woolwich Public Library Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT

Also at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning> or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 03/05/2016

Mike Hows - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity for Planning Applications

Applicant: WHP Wilkinson Helsby
16/0183/T3
FOOTWAY/PAVEMENT OPPOSITE 438 WELL HALL ROAD, ELTHAM, SE9 6UB
Development: Installation of 15m Hutchinson tall telephone mast and associated ancillary development.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA

Applicant: Mr B Ashhead
16/0272/F
FLAT 21, UNDERCLIFF, 71 BLACKHEATH HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8TQ
Development: Installation of upvc windows, entrance door and bi-folding patio doors.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mrs J Anderson
16/0723/F
33 ASHRIDGE CRESCENT, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EA
Development: Erection of a 2 metre high close boarded fence to replace the existing fence.
Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT
Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE

Applicant: Galliford Try
16/0818/MA
INVICTA PRIMARY SCHOOL, INVICTA ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7HE
Development: Replacement of the grassed sports pitch with fenced Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for netball, basketball and tennis, and fenced artificial turf pitch for five-a-side football or hockey at Minor Material Amendment and Variation of condition 17 (Approved Drawings) of planning permission dated 15/01/2015 (Ref: 14/3095/R).
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Applicant: Miss J Walden
16/0834/F
67 ASHBURNHAM PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UG
Development: Installation of replacement double glazed timber windows to the front elevation.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE

Applicant: UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH
16/0864/F
UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH, 10 STOCKWELL STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8EY
Development: Installation of black work walls at the University of Greenwich Stockwell Street Campus bounded by King William Walk & Nevada Street.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C. Bath
16/0886/F
15 MEADOWBANK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9XD
Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension and repositioning of side door and window.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK

Applicant: Ms K Webster
16/0935/F
51 ASHBURNHAM PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UG
Development: Construction of a single storey rear and part side extension.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE

Applicant: Mrs C Bailey
16/0937/F
10 CROOMS HILL GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HB
Development: Construction of a 3-storey rear extension and ground floor conservatory.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Ms Pene Cairns
16/0944/F
5 YANBRUGH TERRACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AP
Development: Demolition and conversion of existing garages to provide parking, workshop and studio space.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Gamble
16/0949/F
35 LIZBAN STREET, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8SS
Development: Erection of a single storey rear extension.
Library: Greenwich Centre Library, 12 Lambards Square, SE10 9GB
Conservation Area: RECTORY FIELD

Applicant: Meridian Hospital Company
16/0951/F
OXLEAS HOUSE, STADIUM ROAD, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 4QH
Development: Installation of replacements to all existing windows.
Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT

Applicant: Mr Arthur Peile
16/0963/F
148A PLUMSTEAD COMMON ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 2UL
Development: Erection of a first floor rear extension to flat.
Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT
Conservation Area: adjacent to Plumstead Common

Applicant: Mr Gerben Westra
16/0978/F
8 GEORGETTE PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QA
Development: Demolition of existing porch and the construction of a 2-storey side extension.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mrs J Gale
16/1019/F
37 MEREWORTH DRIVE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3ED
Development: Replacement of existing windows with new UPVC.
Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT
Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE

Applicant: Mr M Bowyer
16/1031/F
GARAGE SITE REAR OF 38 & 40 CROOMS HILL, GREENWICH, SE10
Development: Demolition of six garages and construction of a detached house fronting Green Hill Grove (Resubmission).
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mr J Bangs
16/1117/F
25 BLISSETT STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UP
Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mrs Janet McKenney
16/1127/F
GARDEN FLAT, 36 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7BD
Development: Installation of replacement windows.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Greenwich Hospital
16/0902/L
6 COLLEGE APPROACH, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9HY
Development: Installation of window vinyls.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH
Listed Building: Grade 2

Applicant: Greenwich Hospital
16/0906/L
23 KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9HU
Development: Installation of window vinyls.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH
Listed Building: Grade 2

Applicant: Mrs Noelita Iandia Larrauri
16/0958/L
39 FAIRFIELD GROVE, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8UA
Development: Listed building consent is sought for the removal of chimney stacks, repair of roof guttering and repair of timber fascia.
Library: Greenwich Centre Library, 12 Lambards Square, SE10 9GB
Conservation Area: CHARLTON VILLAGE
Listed Building: Grade 2

Publicity for Advertisements

Applicant: Greenwich Hospital
16/0901/A
GREENWICH MARKET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10
Development: Installation of fascia, wall signs, freestanding sign and window vinyls across the site.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK

Applicant: Marks & Spencer
16/1041/A
MARKS AND SPENCER, 57 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 6BL
Development: Installation of externally illuminated fascia signs and non-illuminated projecting sign (Resubmission).
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Thames Festival Trust
16/1123/A
CUTTY SARK GARDENS, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9LW
Development: Installation of 4 non-illuminated freestanding display boards for a temporary period between 13 August 2016 and 30 September 2016.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN
Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK

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WHERE THERE'S A WHEEL: Matthew training for the British Cycling Para National TT/Road Circuit Championships, where he won silver and bronze. Matthew in action with Simon Price and inset with Simon Price (centre) who won gold, and Rik Waddon (left) who won bronze - both in the GB cycling team.



Both are backed by Greenwich Starting Blocks, the charity which supports aspiring athletes by providing bursaries. The council-led charity currently supports 78 athletes and has backed Olympic silver medallist Gemma Gibbons, as well as Commonwealth gold medallists Zoe Smith and Tosin Oke.

Fencer JJ became 2016 Senior National Sabre Champion after winning the British National Championships on April 21. He showed great strength and resolve in the final, which was incredibly close and went down to the final point. This victory came only two weeks after JJ was selected for the senior team World Championship, the test event for the Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JJ, 19, told GT: "This was a great win for both me and my club, which has never had a men's senior sabre national title - so it's nice to be the one to bring it home. My ambitions for the future have not changed and my eyes are still very much fixed on the Olympics in 2020.

The result last month shows that I'm capable of setting new heights, and in the long run it's just another stepping stone."

Fellow Starting Blocks athlete 16-year-old Matthew Robertson, is also stepping up his training and aiming for Olympic glory in four years' time. He is now taking part

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in British Cycling's Track to Tokyo programme, which is training him for the 2020 Paralympics in Japan.

A member of Woolwich Cycling Club, Matthew began cycling in 2012 and races on both road and track. 2015 represented a breakthrough year for the Corelli College student, when he became National Paracycling Youth Champion for Road while also winning the Paracycling track event at the National Schools Games.

This year is the first that Matthew is competing as a senior and has so far seen success with a first-place finish in the National Road Championships last month.

He told GT: "Cycling is one of those sports where things can change in an instant, anyone can win or lose, no matter what the situation; it only takes a crash or a bike problem or cramp and you're out.

"In order to compete and to try to make it to the 2020 Paralympics I have to travel almost every other week to the north, the midlands or to Wales. This would be very difficult without the support of Greenwich Starting Blocks. As I move forward the travel involved becomes even more expensive - so knowing I am backed really helps. I love to train hard to see the results in racing."

● For further information about Greenwich Starting Blocks, visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/startingblocks

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Ambitious athletes

Olympic dreams coming true for Starting Blocks stars



SHARP SHOOTER: JJ (right) makes his mark and celebrates this win to become 2016 National Sabre Champion



by Dan Stephens

THE dream of competing in an Olympic Games is well and truly alive for two of the royal borough's most promising athletes. Fencer Jonathan 'JJ' Webb and cyclist Matthew Robertson both enjoyed success in tournaments last month – meaning such an opportunity may be a step closer.

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